

Article - Public Safety

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§9–102.

(a) This subtitle applies throughout the State, including Baltimore City.

(b) An automatic smoke alarm shall be provided in each sleeping area within each residential occupancy, including one- and two-family dwellings, lodging or rooming houses, hotels, dormitories, and apartment buildings, as defined in NFPA 101: Life Safety Code as adopted by the State Fire Prevention Commission.

(c) Smoke alarms shall:

(1) be installed in accordance with NFPA 72: National Fire Alarm Code as referenced by the State Fire Prevention Code;

(2) be listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to comply with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 217, “Standard for safety for single and multiple station smoke alarms”;

(3) be suitable for sensing visible or invisible products of combustion;
and

(4) sound an alarm suitable to warn the occupants.

(d) Local jurisdictions may adopt smoke alarm regulations that are more stringent than the provisions of this subtitle.

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